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***\$11,828,000.00 in Funds Realized Through  
Efforts of the Three Georgia  
U. S. Attorney's Offices and District Courts***

**SAVANNAH:** Paul B. Murphy, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that the Office for Victims of Crime has awarded victim assistance and compensation grants to the State of Georgia in the amount of \$11,828,000.00 to be used during the 4-year period from October 1, 2003, through September 30, 2007. The grants are funded by moneys collected by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the U.S. Courts from federal defendants through special assessments, fines, and bond forfeitures.

State victim assistance programs use these funds to provide services to victims of rape, drunk driving, child abuse, domestic violence, and other crimes by reimbursing victims or their service providers for medical, mental health, funeral and other expenses and providing for lost wages and loss of support. The Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council administers these funds.

If you wish to learn more about the use of these funds in the State of Georgia, please contact the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at telephone number 404/559-4949.

For additional information about OVC's programs, please visit their Web site at

[www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/).

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